

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An elevator car comprising a single, rigid toe guard member (10) slidably mounted to ~~the~~a bottom of the car so as to be slideable upwards in the event that the toe guard member strikes the bottom of a hoist way pit.

2. (Currently Amended) An elevator car as claimed in claim 1 wherein the toe guard member (10) is slidably mounted to ~~the~~a car door sill bracket (2).

3. (Currently Amended) An elevator car as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~ comprising ~~one or more~~ at least one strengthening brackets (24) that depends downwardly from ~~the~~an underside of the car, ~~said~~the toe guard member (10) being slidably mounted to ~~said~~the strengthening bracket(s).

4. (Currently Amended) An elevator as claimed in claim 3 wherein the strengthening bracket(s) (10) ~~is/are~~ is rigid and shorter than the toe guard member (10).

5. (Currently Amended) An elevator car as claimed in ~~any preceding claim 1~~ 1 further comprising a safety switch (30) arranged to stop the elevator car in the event that the toe guard member (10) is pushed to the uppermost end of its travel.

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